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1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S COMMENTS ARE ABSORBING, AND REMIND THIS AGING ENVOY OF THE GOOD OLD EARLY DAYS IN VIETNAM WHEN ONE ASIAN POTENTATE AFTER ANOTHER WHISPERED INTO PRESIDENTIAL EARS THAT WE MUST SAVE DEMOCRACY AT ALL COSTS. BUT THAT NATURALLY WE WOULD HAVE TO DO SO ON OUR OWN.

2. IF NOTHING ELSE, ANGOLA PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND SOME SUCH NATIONS ABOUT THEIR CONDUCT AT THE UNITED NATIONS. PRESIDENT SENGHOR SHOULD BE TOLD THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THIS MISSION THERE IS NO MORE HOSTILE AND IMPLACABLE ADVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE UN THAN SENEGAL IN THE PERSON OF AMBASSADOR FALL. FURTHER, WE HAVE SEEN NO INSTANCE WHERE FALL'S ACTIONS HAVE BEEN DISCLAIMED BY HIS GOVERNMENT OR WHERE THE GOS HAS DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM HIS TACTICS.

3. IN 1972, IN THE UNGA (ALL ISSUES, ALL FORUMS), WHEN THE US AND THE USSR DISAGREED ON AN ISSUE, AND SENEGAL CHOSE SIDES WITH ONE OR THE OTHER, SENEGAL STOOD WITH

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US 22 0/0 OF THE TIME, WITH THE SOVIETS 78 0/0 OF THE TIME.

IN 1973, THE FIGURES WERE: WITH US 15 0/0; WITH USSR 85 0/0.

IN 1974, THE FIGURES WERE: WITH US 8 0/0; WITH USSR
92 0/0.

4. JUDGING FROM UN VOTING, THE SAVING OF SENEGAL FROM RUSSIAN COMMUNISM IS A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS. AS FAR AS A NEUTRAL OBSERVER COULD TELL FROM FALL'S BEHAVIOR, SENEGAL IS A PRO-SOVIET, PRO-COMMUNIST, ANTI-AMERICAN COUNTRY. WE ARE DEAD SERIOUS. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE GIVEN SENGHOR'S APPEAL NOT TO CONFRONT HIM WITH THIS FACT AND SEE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY. AT VERY LEAST WE SHOULD REMIND HIM THAT AT THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE US AND THE RUSSIAN COMMUNISTS, HE CHOSE THE COMMUNISTS 92 PER CENT OF THE TIME.

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